

laboratory, under a grandfathered arrangement with a hospital, furnishes the technical component of a physician pathology service with respect to—

(1) an inpatient fee-for-service medicare beneficiary, such component shall be treated as a service for which payment shall be made to the laboratory under section 1848 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4) and not as an inpatient hospital service for which payment is made to the hospital under section 1886(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)); and

(2) an outpatient fee-for-service medicare beneficiary, such component shall be treated as a service for which payment shall be made to the laboratory under section 1848 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4) and not as a hospital outpatient service for which payment is made to the hospital under the prospective payment system under section 1834(t) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(d)).

(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

(1) GRANDFATHERED ARRANGEMENT.—The term “grandfathered arrangement” means an arrangement between an independent laboratory and a hospital—

(A) that was in effect as of July 22, 1999, even if such arrangement is subsequently renewed; and

(B) under which the laboratory furnishes the technical component of physician pathology services with respect to patients of the hospital and submits a claim for payment for such component to a medicare carrier (and not to the hospital).

(2) INPATIENT FEE-FOR-SERVICE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY.—The term “inpatient fee-for-service medicare beneficiary” means an individual who—

(A) is an inpatient of the hospital involved;

(B) is entitled to benefits under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c et seq.); and

(C) is not enrolled in—

(i) a Medicare+Choice plan under part C of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-21 et seq.);

(ii) a plan offered by an eligible organization under section 1876 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395mm); or

(iii) a medicare managed care demonstration project.

(3) OUTPATIENT FEE-FOR-SERVICE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY.—The term “outpatient fee-for-service medicare beneficiary” means an individual who—

(A) is an outpatient of the hospital involved;

(B) is enrolled under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.); and

(C) is not enrolled in—

(i) a plan or project described in paragraph (2)(C); or

(ii) a health care prepayment plan under section 1833(a)(1)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(A)).

(4) MEDICARE CARRIER.—The term “medicare carrier” means an organization with a contract under section 1842 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395u).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to services furnished on or after July 22, 1999.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 922

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator

from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 922, a bill to prohibit the use of the “Made in the USA” label on products of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and to deny such products duty-free and quota-free treatment.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) were added as cosponsors of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a new prospective payment system for Federally-qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1536, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for older individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify and improve veterans' claims and appellate procedures.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1874, a bill to improve academic and social outcomes for youth and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive activities conducted by law enforcement personnel during non-school hours.

S. 1902

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1902, a bill to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, and for other purposes.

S. 1938

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1938, a bill to provide for the return of fair and reasonable fees to the Federal Government for the use and occupancy of National Forest System land under the recreation residence program, and for other purposes.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1957, a bill to provide for the payment of compensation to the families of the Federal employees who were killed in the crash of a United States Air Force CT-43A aircraft on April 3, 1996, near Dubrovnik, Croatia, carrying Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and 34 others.

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the medicare program.

S. 2225

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2225, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

S. 2274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2274, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families and disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children.

S. 2394

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2394, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize indirect graduate medical education payments.

S. 2434

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM) were added as cosponsors of S. 2434, a bill to provide that amounts allotted to a State under section 2401 of the Social Security Act for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999 shall remain available through fiscal year 2002.

S. 2443

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2443, a bill to increase immunization funding and provide for immunization infrastructure and delivery activities.

S. 2640

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2640, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans for prescriptions written by private practitioners, and for other purposes.

S. 2688

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2688, a bill to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American Language Survival Schools, and for other purposes.

S. 2733

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2733, a bill to provide for the preservation of assisted housing for low income elderly persons, disabled persons, and other families.

S. 2747

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2747, a bill to expand the Federal tax refund intercept program to cover children who are not minors.

S. 2781

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2781, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 2841

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2841, a bill to ensure that the business of the Federal Government is conducted in the public interest and in a manner that provides for public accountability, efficient delivery of serv-

ices, reasonable cost savings, and prevention of unwarranted Government expenses, and for other purposes.

S. 2858

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2858, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure adequate payment rates for ambulance services, to apply a prudent layperson standard to the determination of medical necessity for emergency ambulance services, and to recognize the additional costs of providing ambulance services in rural areas.

S. 2879

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2879, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish programs and activities to address diabetes in children and youth, and for other purposes.

S. 2938

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2938, a bill to prohibit United States assistance to the Palestinian Authority if a Palestinian state is declared unilaterally, and for other purposes.

S. 2976

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2976, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to allow States to provide health benefits coverage for parents of children eligible for child health assistance under the State children's health insurance program.

S. 2987

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2987, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote access to health care services in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2997

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2997, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

S. 3003

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3003, a bill to preserve access to outpatient cancer therapy services under the medicare program by requiring the Health Care Financing Administration to follow appropriate procedures and utilize a formal nationwide analysis by the Comptroller General of the United States in making any

changes to the rates of reimbursement for such services.

S. 3007

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3007, a bill to provide for measures in response to a unilateral declaration of the existence of a Palestinian state.

S. 3020

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3020, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to revise its regulations authorizing the operation of new, low-power FM radio stations.

S. CON. RES. 130

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 130, concurrent resolution establishing a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the United States Capitol.

S. RES. 330

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 330, a resolution designating the week beginning September 24, 2000, as "National Amputee Awareness Week."

S. RES. 342

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 342, a resolution designating the week beginning September 17, 2000, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week."

S. RES. 353

At the request of Mr. HATCH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 353, a resolution designating October 20, 2000, as "National Mammography Day."

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, September 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. (immediately following the scheduled markup) in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the current outlook for supply of heating and transportation fuels this winter.

For further information, please call Dan Kish at (202) 224-8276 or Jo Meuse (202) 224-4756.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, 200 Main St., Salmon, Idaho.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the Summer 2000 wildfires.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Friday, September 22, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at Montana State University, Billings, in the Petro Theater, 1500 N. 30th St., Billings, Montana.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the Summer 2000 wildfires.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on air traffic control.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The committee will receive testimony on the transportation of Alaska North Slope natural gas to market and to investigate the cost, environmental aspects and energy security implications to Alaska and the rest of the nation for alternative routes and projects.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an informational hearing on the nomination of Major General Robert B. Flowers, nominated by the President to be Chief of Engineers, the Department of the Army.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to mark up the following bills in a business meeting to be held directly following the hearing on S. 2899, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States' relationship with Native Hawaiians, on September 14, 2000, at 3:30 p.m. in room 485 Senate Russell Office Building: S. 1840, the California Indian Land Transfer Act, and S. 2665, a bill to establish a streamlined process to enable the Navajo Nation to lease trust lands without having to obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of individual leases, except leases for exploration, development, or extraction of any mineral resources. These two bills for mark-up are in addition to the others previously announced which were: S. 2920, a bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, S. 2688, a bill to amend the Native American Languages Act, and S. 2899, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States' relationship with Native Hawaiians.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 14, 2000, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to hold a hearing entitled "Slotting Fees: Are Family Farmers Fighting to Stay on the Farm and in the Grocery Store?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND WATER

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on the Draft Biological Opinions by the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System and the Federal Caucus draft Basinwide Salmon Recovery Strategy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Operations of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. for a hearing on "The State of Foreign Language Capabilities in the Federal Government—Part I".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 14, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 2749, a bill to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, to facilitate the interpretation of the history of development and use of trails in the settling